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SUBJECT: MIYAZAWA VISIT

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1. AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRGEN YAMAZAKI CALLED IN POLCOUNS LATE MARCH 31 TO CONVEY FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA'S CONFIRMATION THAT HE VERY MUCH LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING SECRETARY KISSINGER IN WASHINGTON APRIL 10, AND THAT AFTER DAY OF POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS IN LDP AND GOVERNMENT GOJ APPROVES VISIT. YAMAZAKI EXPRESSED THE MINISTER'S DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE SECRETARY'S INTEREST IN THIS MEETING CONSIDERING HIS HEAVY SCHEDULE AND OTHER WORLD CONCERNS.

2. THE MINISTER AGREES TO MEETING BEFORE NOON APRIL 10 FOLLOWED BY WORKING LUNCHEON. YAMAZAKI EXPLAINED FURTHER, HOWEVER, THAT MINISTER MIYAZAWA IS MAKING TRIP SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY, AND SINCE THIS WILL BE THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR SUBSTANTIVE TALK SINCE THE MINISTER TOOK OFFICE HE VERY MUCH HOPES THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE CAN BE ARRANGED TO PERMIT A SECOND BUSINESS SESSION. MINISTER COULD MEET SECOND TIME AFTERNOON OF APRIL 10, MORNING OF APRIL 11 OR, IF NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PERMIT LONGER TALK AND DEEPER EXPLORATION OF SOME TOPICS, MINISTER COULD ALSO BE AVAILABLE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 11.

3. YAMAZAKI EMPHASIZED THE MINISTER'S DESIRE TO CONCENTRATE IN THIS VISIT ON HIS TTALKS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER AND OTHER SENIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS. HE HAS NO DESIRE TO MEET CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS (AS
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SUGGESTED BY AMB. YASUKAWA) OR OTHER USG OFFICIALS. HE WOULD OF COURSE

TO BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB IF THEY SHOULD WISH. YAMAZAKI SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE AND USEFUL IF INGERSOLL AND HABIB FOUND IT CONVENIENT TO PERMIT AMB. YASUKAWA TO HOST A BUSINESS LUNCH OR BREAKFAST, OR PERHAPS A BUSINESS SESSION AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. YAMAZAKI STRESSED THAT ABOVE ALL THE MINISTER IS SERIOUS ABOUT DEVELOPING FULL OPPORTUNITY FOR EXTENDED

AND DETAILED DISCUSSIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT, AND HAS NO OTHER OBJECTIVE IN MIND FOR THIS VISIT.

4. MINISTER WILL BE REQUIRED TO REPORT THE DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT TO PERMIT HIM TO BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY WHILE THE DIET IS TECHNICALLY IN SESSION AT REGULAR CABINET MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 9:00 AM TUESDAY, APRIL 1. FOLLOWING CABINET MEETING MIYAZAWA PLANS TO HOLD A BRIEF PRESS CONFERENCE WHERE HE WILL MAKE A GENERALIZED ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOJ DECISION AND PLAN TO MEET THE SECRETARY APRIL 10. FONOFF HOPES THIS TIMING OF PUBLIC RELEASE OF AGREEMENT ON MEETING WILL HAVE THE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL. (YAMAZAKI ALSO HINTED, IN PATTERN THAT IS BECOMING FAMILIAR, THE INEVITABLE PRESS CONTACTS BY MINISTRY OFFICIALS

DURING COURSE OF THIS EVENING MAY RESULT IN SOME QTE SPECULATIVE UNQTE

PRESS STORIES IN TOMORROW MORNING'S PAPERS, IN EFFECT ANTICIPATING THE

FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER THE CABINET MEETING.)

5. MIYAZAWA'S TENTATIVE TRAVEL PLAN IS TO DEPART TOKYO VIA NORTHWEST FLIGHT 4 AFTERNOON OF APRIL 9, ARRIVING WASHINGTON 4:40 PM SAME DATE. HE PLANS TO DEPART WASHINGTON FOR DIRECT FLIGHT BACK TO TOKYO SATURDAY

MORNING APRIL 12, ARRIVING TOKYO AFTERNOON OR EVENING SUNDAY APRIL 13.

6. YAMAZAKI CONCLUDED BY SAYING THEY ARE BEGINNING TO WORK ON THEIR CONCEPT OF AGENDA FOR WASHINGTON TALKS AND WILL BE CONSULTING WITH US SHORTLY. HE ECHOED COMMENTS OF AMERICAN AFFAIRS COUNCILLOR FUKADA EARLIER MARCH 31 THAT ONE OF THE PROMINENT REQUIRED ITEMS
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FROM JAPANESE POINT OF VIEW WILL BE QUESTION OF SECURITY REASSURANCE RELATING TO NPT DEBATE. EMBASSY PLANS TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THIS AND OTHER POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS SOONEST.

7. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE FOR RESPONSE TO MIYAZAWA'S REQUEST FOR TWO BUSINESS SESSIONS WITH THE SECRETARY IN ADDITION TO WORKING LUNCHEON AND MEETING WITH MESSRS. INGERSOLL AND HABIB. ALSO NEED DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO MINISTER'S PLAN TO MAKE PUBLIC

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT EARLY APRIL 1, IF IT POSES ANY
PROBLEMS.
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